

proposed in the President's Fiscal Year 1996 Budget, is part of the Administration's ongoing effort to reinvent the Federal Government.

The Department of Energy recently announced the planned decommissioning of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve's Weeks Island site. Water seeping into underground storage chambers is compromising the structural integrity of the facility, which holds nearly 73 million barrels of oil. As a result the Department will transfer the oil to other sites in Louisiana and Texas, and sell up to seven million barrels of oil to finance the transfer and decommissioning, and other SPR activities. Currently, the Department has legislative authority to draw down and sell Strategic Petroleum Reserve oil only under emergency authorities vested in the President or as part of a test sale of up to five million barrels of oil. New authority is required for this proposed sale.

The proposed legislation would authorize to the extent provided in appropriations Acts the sale and drawdown of up to seven million barrels of oil from the Reserve for purposes of removing the oil and decommissioning the site. Seven million barrels is equivalent to less than one day of oil imports, and would not appreciably affect the mission of the Reserve. Proceeds from the sale would be deposited in a special account known as the "SPR Decommissioning Fund" and would offset the cost of decommissioning and other SPR activities. This bill would also allow the sale proceeds to be counted as offsets to spending. Authority to contract for sale of oil under this section would expire on September 30, 1996.

We look forward to working with the Congress toward enactment of this legislation.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that enactment of this proposal would be in accord with the program of the President.

Sincerely,

HAZEL R. O'LEARY.

#### MARJORIE S. ARUNDEL

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize a most distinguished Virginian, Mrs. Marjorie S. Arundel, of The Plains, VA, who has devoted her life to the conservation of our natural resources.

As a member of the Garden Club of America, Marjorie Arundel has been recognized for her conservation efforts in the Commonwealth of Virginia and across our Nation. Her tireless work has throughout more than 30 years contributed much to preserve and enhance the natural beauty.

I have had the pleasure of knowing both Mrs. Arundel and her late husband, Russell M. Arundel, for a number of years in Fauquier County. The contributions which they have made to that community are immeasurable.

In the 1960's, the Arundel family donated over 600 acres of their own land to the Nature Conservancy, which created the first Nature Conservancy preserve in Virginia. It is now known as Wildcat Mountain Natural Area. Due to her endeavors in conservation, Mrs. Arundel was awarded the Governor's Certificate of Recognition from former Gov. CHARLES ROBB, my junior colleague in the Senate.

There are several projects that are trademark Marjorie Arundel with her

typical ingenuity and spirit. I recall fondly meeting with Mrs. Arundel in the 1980's regarding a highway widening north of Warrenton. Mrs. Arundel promptly brought to my attention a 200-year-old oak tree which stood directly in the proposed roadway. In an effort to spare the tree, Mrs. Arundel then met with officials from the Virginia Department of Transportation, who agreed to bypass the removal of the tree. Today, that "Loretta Oak" stands proudly and continues to live and be enjoyed by all.

As a gardener with a special interest in wild plants, Mrs. Arundel became aware that several species were being dug out of the wild and sold to commercial interests. These actions created serious wildflower depletions in the Virginia mountainside and our neighboring States. Her crusade to protect the wild populations from both trade domestic and abroad was truly a labor of love. Using her trademark ingenuity, Mrs. Arundel drafted the support of World Wildlife Fund, the National Resources Defense Council, and the Garden Club of America.

And with similar success, Mrs. Arundel has taken on other tough environmentally conscious issues, like pesticide and pollution abuses in the environment.

Mrs. Arundel's achievements include the Award of Honor presented by the World Wildlife Fund; an American Achievement Medal from the Garden Club of America; a Stewardship of the Land Award from the Virginia Chapter of the America Society of Landscape Architects; Communicator of the Year Award from the American Horticultural Society; and the Delacy Gray Memorial Medal for Conservation as "a conservation leader who demonstrates a love for the nature environment and a responsibility for its preservation."

There are many accolades bestowed upon this great lady, but "The Land Ethic" well speaks to Marjorie Arundel's testimony to natural integrity as, "Conservation is a state of harmony between men and land."

#### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES WEEK

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. President, it gives me great pleasure at this time to request the unanimous consent of my colleagues to have printed in the RECORD a proclamation by the Governor of my State of Tennessee; Don Sundquist.

On March 21 of this year, the Honorable Governor Don Sundquist signed the proclamation that the week of April 17-22, 1995, shall be known in Tennessee as National Association of Retired Federal Employees Week.

Our State's chapter of this national organization is very spirited and active. Many members of this association have volunteered their time and energy to help organize relief and recovery efforts in Oklahoma City.

It is this spirit of contribution that continues to distinguish all civil servants, retired and employed.

There being no objection, the proclamation was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Whereas the United States Civil Service Act of 1883 was signed into law by then President Chester A. Arthur, thereby creating the United States Civil Service System; and

Whereas the United States Civil Service Retirement System was created in 1920 and signed into law by then President Woodrow Wilson; and

Whereas virtually every State, county, and municipal civil service system have developed from the Civil Service Act; and

Whereas untold thousands of United States Civil Service employees have worked diligently, patriotically, silently, and with little notice to uphold the highest traditions and ideas of our country; and

Whereas thousands of Federal employees are retired in Tennessee and continue to devote inestimable time and effort toward the betterment of our communities and State.

Now therefore, I, Don Sundquist, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of April 17-22, 1995, as "National Association of Retired Federal Employees Week" in Tennessee, and do urge all our citizens to join in this worthy observance.

#### SOUTH DAKOTA SMALL BUSINESSMAN OF THE YEAR

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I may be a little biased, but I have always believed if you give South Dakotans an even break, they can make a living even under the toughest circumstances.

Yesterday I met with a man who proves my point. His name is Randy Boyd, and he was just named South Dakota's 1995 Small Business Owner of the Year by the Small Business Administration.

Randy lives in a town of 300 people called Geddes in southeast South Dakota with his wife, Sheila, and their two young children, Cassidy and Vincent.

He moved back to Geddes in 1982, after his dad had a heart attack and helped move his father's gunsmithing business from his garage into a 400-square-foot shop, where they worked together repairing guns. Later that year, Randy and his father bought a two-spindle carving machine that could make up to eight gunstocks a day.

Today, Boyd's Gunstocks Industries is one of the largest original-equipment manufacturers of gunstocks in the country. It has grown from 3 employees in 1986 to 22 full-time and 10 part-time workers, plus 10 who do contract work at home. Company sales have skyrocketed from \$29,000 in 1986 to more than \$1 million last year.

In 1992, with help from the Small Business Administration, Randy was able to obtain a new warehouse for raw materials, as well as new computerized equipment to improve efficiency. The business now occupies 13,500 square feet.

One of Randy's biggest challenges is finding enough skilled workers in a